

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously cancelled).

Claim 2 (previously cancelled).

Claim 3 (previously cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). A deer-carrier rack for attachment to a frame of an all terrain vehicle, comprising:

an attaching frame configured for attaching in an upright orientation to an end of an all-terrain vehicle, the attaching frame having a lower end and an upper end; and

a rigid deer support frame comprising spaced apart left and right generally co-extensive elongate dog leg rods, each of the rods having an axel end rotatably attached to the lower end of the attaching frame for generally upward and downward rotation of the deer support frame relative thereto, and an outer end opposite the axel end and spaced from the lower end of the attaching frame, the outer end of each of the rods having a length which is at least two times greater than a length of the axel end thereof, and the axel ends of the rods forming a concave region adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame, the concave region being configured and oriented so as to face upwardly while extending downwardly to the outer end of the rods when the attaching frame is attached in the upright orientation to an end of an all terrain vehicle and the deer support frame is rotatably positioned relative thereto in a deployed position extending outwardly therefrom, the upwardly facing concave region being having a flat outer end which smoothly transitions into the outer end of the rods forming an at least substantially flat, unobstructed platform configured for receiving a body of a deer thereon such that the deer support frame with a body of a deer received on the ~~concave region~~ flat platform can be rotated upwardly from the deployed position to an upright position wherein the outer ends of the rods extend at least generally vertically and the concave region is spaced outwardly from the lower

end of the attaching frame for supporting the body of a deer thereagainst without pinching the body of the deer during the upward rotation, and such that the deer support frame in the upright position can be secured to the attaching frame or the all terrain vehicle for holding the body of the deer against the lower end of the attaching frame.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The deer-carrier rack of claim 4, wherein the axel end of the deer support frame further comprises at least one wing piece extending sidewardly therefrom adjacent to the concave region forming a sideward extension of the platform.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 4, wherein when the deer support frame is rotated from the deployed position to the upright position the outer ends of the rods can be rotated past vertical, with the concave region remaining spaced outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame for supporting the body of a deer thereagainst.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 4, wherein each of the rods of the deer support frame is a unitary member extending continuously from the axel end to the outer end thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 4, further comprising at least one strap configured for securing the deer support frame in the upright position to the attaching frame or the all terrain vehicle.

Claim 9 (currently amended). A deer-carrier rack for attachment to a frame of a frame of an all terrain vehicle, comprising:

an attaching frame configured for attaching in an upright orientation to an end of an all-terrain vehicle, the attaching frame having a lower end and an upper end; and

a deer support frame comprising spaced apart left and right elongate dog leg rods, the dog leg rods having axel ends rotatably attached to the lower end of the attaching frame for generally upward and downward rotation of the deer support frame relative thereto, and outer ends opposite the axel ends and spaced from the lower end of the attaching frame, the axel ends of the rods including concave portions disposed adjacent to the lower end of the attaching

frame and smoothly blending into the outer ends forming a flat platform configured such that when the attaching frame is attached to an end of an all terrain vehicle and the deer support frame is rotatably positioned relative thereto in a deployed position, the ~~outer ends of the dog leg rods~~ flat platform will be disposed lower than and extend outwardly generally horizontally from the attaching frame ~~and the concave portions will face upwardly~~ and be unobstructed ~~so as to be configured~~ for receiving and supporting a body of a deer thereon, and the deer support frame being rotatable upwardly from the deployed position to an upright position wherein the concave portions of the dog leg rods are spaced outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame forming a cavity therebetween and the outer ends will extend upwardly, such that a body of a deer received and supported on the ~~concave portions~~ flat platform when the deer support frame is in the deployed position can be moved into and held thereon and in the cavity against the lower end of the attaching frame by the concave portions, as the attaching frame is rotated upwardly to the upright position.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The deer-carrier rack of claim 9, wherein the axel end of the deer support frame further comprises at least one wing piece extending sidewardly therefrom adjacent to the concave region, forming an extension of the flat platform.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 9, wherein when the deer support frame is rotated from the deployed position to the upright position the outer ends of the rods can be rotated past vertical, with the concave region remaining spaced outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 9, wherein each of the rods of the deer support frame is a unitary member extending continuously from the axel end to the outer end thereof.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 9, further comprising at least one strap configured for securing the deer support frame in the upright position to the attaching frame or the all terrain vehicle.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A deer-carrier rack for ~~attachment to a frame of an all~~ terrain vehicle, comprising:

an attaching frame ~~configured for attaching~~ attached in an upright orientation to an end of an all-terrain vehicle, the attaching frame having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end having a substantially flat upstanding face facing outwardly from the vehicle; and

a rigid deer support frame comprising spaced apart left and right generally co-extensive elongate dog leg rods, each of the rods having an axel end rotatably attached to the upstanding face of the lower end of the attaching frame for generally upward and downward rotation of the deer support frame relative thereto, and the axel end of each of the dog leg rods extending to an outer end opposite the axel end and of the rod spaced from the lower end of the attaching frame, the outer end of each of the rods having a length which is at least two times greater than a length of the axel end thereof, and the axel ends of the rods forming a concave region adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame, the concave region ~~being oriented so as to face upwardly~~ having a first portion configured so as to extend downwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame to a second portion connected to the outer ends of the dog leg rods when the attaching frame is attached in the upright orientation to an end of an all-terrain vehicle and the deer support frame is rotatably positioned relative thereto in a deployed position extending outwardly therefrom from the attaching frame, in the deployed position the upwardly facing second portion of the concave region being and the outer ends of the dog leg rods forming a substantially horizontal flat platform which is unobstructed and configured for receiving a body of a deer thereon so as to allow the deer support frame with a body of a deer received on the concave-region platform to be rotated from the deployed position to an upright position wherein the outer ends of the rods are rotated past vertical and the concave region will be spaced outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame for supporting the body of a deer thereagainst and adjacent to the end of the all-terrain vehicle.

Claim 15 (currently amended). The deer-carrier rack of claim 14, wherein the axel end of the deer support frame further comprises at least one wing piece extending sidewardly therefrom adjacent to the concave region forming a sideward extension of the platform.

Claim 16 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 14, wherein when the deer support frame is rotated from the deployed position to the upright

position the outer ends of the rods can be secured to the attaching frame or the vehicle for holding the body of the deer against the lower end of the attaching frame.

Claim 17 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 14, wherein each of the rods of the deer support frame is a unitary member extending continuously from the axel end to the outer end thereof.

Claim 18 (currently amended). The ~~deer support frame~~ deer-carrier rack of claim 14, further comprising at least one strap configured for securing the deer support frame in the upright position to the attaching frame or the all terrain vehicle.